

ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAMDredge *STUYVESANT* - Tampa Bay, Florida

USACE, Jacksonville District - Winter 1996

03/ 30/ 96Are there incidents involving endangered or protected species? Yes X No

LOAD # 109 Times: Start 2330 End 0000* Dump 0135
Location (lat/long & channel markers) Egmont Channel Buoys 11-13 Tide
Weather Cloudy, Winds S 20 knots, Seas 2-4 H₂O Surf.Temp 67° F
Below Mid-Depth 67° F

Port Draghead Clean Deflector: Excellent
Stbd Draghead Not used Deflector: N/A

Port Discharge Screening (fwd' and aft) CleanStbd Discharge Screening (fwd' and aft) CleanOther Screening (mid high level skimmer) Kemps Ridley sea turtle (see
comments section and incident report.Other Screening (lower skimmers) Not usedComments (condition of screening, material being dredged, etc.) * Load 109 was ended prematurely when a juvenile KempsRidley sea turtle was spotted swimming in the hopper.The hopper had just reached overflow when the turtle wassighted. To facilitate capture and removal of the animalthe crew stopped dredging, cutting the load time, but onlyby approximately 5 minutes. The injured turtle had beenpulled to the overflow screen by the time the endangeredspecies observers arrived. For more details please seethe attached incident report.**Bridge Watch Summary**

Species	# of Animals	Time	Location & Comments
<u>Lepidochelys kempi</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0000</u>	<u>Approximately 200 meters east of</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>buoys 11 and 12, sighted in the</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>hopper.</u>

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